

Top 5 fire

& Security Questions
to Ask When Researching
Senior Living Options



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Making sure that you have the answers to these important safety and security questions will bring you peace of mind, support your decision-making process and provide the senior living experience that's right for you and your family.

Building Access: Keep Your Senior's Capabilities in Mind

What access equipment does the facility have and how much security can your senior physically handle? (keys, keypads, doors etc.)

Personal Safety: 24-7 Security Monitoring

What company provides the security monitoring services? (24-7 coverage inside and out; full time security guards for emergencies, visitor access, data storage, etc.)

Fire Protection: Location of Fire Extinguishers & Fire Prevention

Where are the fire extinguishers located and who has been trained to operate them? (is staff trained how to use equipment and reset monitoring equipment, right extinguishers for the right space, kitchen hoods cleaned regularly, no smoking policy, etc.)

Annual Inspections and Equipment Servicing

Are all the required safety and security inspections up-to-date and coordinated for all fire and security systems and equipment? (last inspections done, were issues resolved, who provides annual inspections, compliant with state code, etc.)

Evacuation Plan: Saving Lives and Emergency Preparedness

Is there a current evacuation plan in place and who is responsible to activate the plan in an emergency? (how often is the staff trained, who is in charge, severe weather/power outages/gas leaks/medical emergency/intruder alerts, back-up generators etc.)

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